

REMARKS

With respect to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicant elects Group I. Claims 1-50 read on elected Group I. Non-elected claims 51-100 have been canceled from the present application, and are being prosecuted in a separate divisional application.

With respect to the species election requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicant elects Species I (Figures 1A-1I). Claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-24 and 26-27 read on elected Species I. Non-elected claims 29-50 have been canceled from the present application, and are being filed in a separate divisional application.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-2, 4-6, 9-24 and 26-27 is respectfully requested. In addition, should independent claims 1, 14, or 23 be allowed, then rejoinder of non-elected dependent claims 3, 7, 8, 25 and 28 is requested.

In addition to the amendments to the claims, the title has been amended to more clearly reflect the claimed subject matter. An Information Disclosure Statement is also being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Should any issues remain the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2005.

Respectfully submitted:



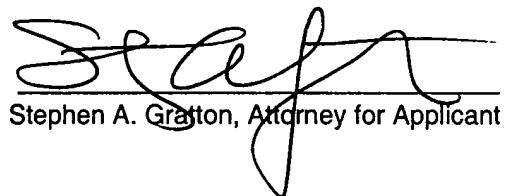
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